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The authors assessed the possible effects of environmental factors on the development of allergic disorders in 1167 infants in this population-based prospective study. The authors reported that environmental factors such as maternal smoking, lower SES, and being born in summer appeared to be associated with the prevalence of asthma. These factors, however, did not appear to be associated with eczema or food intolerance. The authors concluded that "the environmental factors had a profound effect on the prevalence of asthma but not on other allergic disorders."